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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This paper is herewith filed in response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on 11/5/2003 for the above-captioned U.S. Patent Application. Applicants petition for a two month extension of time in which to file this Response and a check in the amount of \$420 is enclosed for the extension fee. No further fee is required. However, should the undersigned attorney be mistaken, please consider this a petition for any extension of time that may be required to maintain the pendency of this Patent Application, and charge deposit account no.: 50-1924 for any required fee deficiency.

Please consider the Remarks set forth below, which are believed to address the Examiner's outstanding rejection and place the subject application in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the pending claims are not being amended by the present Response. These claims in their present form are set forth below.

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